

## November Meeting

### Ask the Experts

Tuesday, November 9

6:45 Business Meeting (no dinner)

7:00 Program

**Lake Harriet United Methodist Church**  
**4901 Chowen Avenue South**  
**Minneapolis**



Bring your gardening questions and comments to our next meeting and ask our panel of experts. The panel includes Mary Maynard, Gary Geister, Jerry Shannon, Judy Berglund and Kirky Otto, and will be led by Mary Barsness. You may submit questions in advance to [Linda Wilkins](#). We hope you will be there, but if you are hesitant, we will understand. It may be difficult to Zoom this meeting due to the position of the panel. It is not too late to submit your questions.

**(Note: Location of monthly meetings changes for the winter beginning this month.)**

### View Lynn Messman's Container Garden Presentation

If you who missed our October 12 meeting, or attempted to login to Zoom that evening, please use this link to see a PowerPoint of Lynn Messman's wonderful presentation on [Container Gardening](#). (And we apologize for the technology issues with Zoom.)

## From the President Linda Wilkins

I love spring and summer, but I especially love fall. These gorgeous days filled with color are outstanding (even though we are anticipating what is to come). These have been wonderful days to prepare our outdoor plants for their winter homes, make exterior

repairs, hang the holiday lights or play a few more rounds of golf.

We are so excited about meeting in person after a long wait. Member safety is our top priority, and we welcome your comments and opinions about our gatherings. If you have any comments or suggestions, please [email me](#) or call me at (612) 597-6200.

It is also time for us to consider our participation in the club. We have a few openings for the next year and would love to have you consider serving in some capacity for a fantastic group of people. We need someone to fill a **director position on the board**. We also need someone to serve as **vice president**. Remember, the renewal form lists a full range of volunteer opportunities. Surely one of those positions might intrigue you.

Your safety is very important to the board. We invite everyone who is vaccinated to come and join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, November 9. Please be prepared to show your vax card at the door. Masks will be expected, and please remove them only when you speak so the others might understand you. Thank you everyone for your cooperation and willingness to join us.

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## Holiday Party Update

### Sandra Mangel, Co-chair



Our Holiday Party will be held at the Embassy Suites on Tuesday, December 14. We are busy planning the evening which will include appetizers and a catered dinner with background music by Benny Weinbeck. Of course, we will have our own Andy and Bob, as well as a show of the holiday lights at the Arboretum with Peter Moe.

This year we are not soliciting vendors for our silent auction. Instead, we are asking our members to contribute homemade food, gifts, money or services for our auction. (We need to raise \$1,000 to compensate for not soliciting the vendors.)

The cost for dinner is \$35 per person. (Remember we have not paid dues for a year, and we have not paid for our monthly meeting meals since we have been on Zoom.) Consider this a wonderful night during the most wonderful time of the year!

-- Linda Wilkins

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## Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden

### Kay Wolfe, Chair

Year-end Wrap Up

I asked the volunteers on the team to share their memorable highs and lows of the 2021 season in the Lyndale Park Mixed Border Garden. Here are their responses:

Once again it is the end of the season. The annuals are pulled, the stakes are around the shrubs and ready for their winter wraps of burlap and chicken wire. The garden season was L O N G! It started early: planting the annuals before Memorial Day, and is ending late with the winter protection activity finishing up after Halloween.

There seemed to be more passersby enjoying our efforts this year, sustaining us with frequent comments of appreciation. And it was a successful garden, despite the heat of August arriving in early June and a drought that literally affected the entire state. The highlight of the season for me was being able to chat and work alongside a friendly, energetic and fully-vaccinated team!

-- *Cece Keefe*

2021 brought, as always, both disappointments and successes. Rush Creek Growers, the wholesale nursery that supplies the annual flowers, experienced crop failures and we had to scramble to find annuals similar enough to fit into our design plans. The drought had us spending a lot of time watering, but less time weeding. And yet, the Mixed Border Garden flourished and looked beautiful far into October. It garnered much praise and encouragement from passers-by. The 2021 growing season is over, time to get going on next year's design.

-- *Beate Lundstrom*

In spite of the drought, the Border Garden looked wonderful. However, it was amazing to see how truly revitalized it became after a couple of rainy days at the end of August. As always, thanks to my mates for all that they taught me.

-- *Paul Waytz*

Thanks so much to the whole committee for all their hard work through this year's heat and drought. I was not able to be at the garden very often—and really appreciate everyone's hard work. The garden looked superb! It is a wonderful gift that our club gives to the citizens of Minneapolis.

-- *Kay Wolfe, Chair*

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## Scholarship Committee

### M.T. Pulley, Chair

Scholarship season is here. All Minnesota schools of higher education with horticulture and related curricula have been notified about our scholarship opportunities. Applicants must be full-time students in a two- or four-year degree program. Applications were due at the end of October.

Last year MWGCM awarded four \$1,000 scholarships. Two University of Minnesota Twin Cities students, one student from Central Lakes College in Brainerd and one student from Rochester Community and Technical College were each awarded a scholarship. (Find more information on the [scholarship program](#) on our website.)

Thanks to Kate Ladner of the Scholarship Committee for keeping our page updated. Thank you for your continued support of our valued community service program.

## Deane Fund Committee Mary Barsness, Chair

### New Committee Member Needed

With the passing of Alan Gallaher, the Deane Fund is in need of an additional committee member. The function of the committee is to review applications for Deane Fund Grants and make recommendations to the club's board of directors. Applications are accepted annually and in-person meetings are usually not required.

If you are interested or would like to know more, contact [Mary Barsness](#).

## Marketing & Publicity Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

### MWGCM Membership Renewal and MSHS Membership

It's time to look ahead to 2022. As you [renew your MWGCM membership](#), please keep in mind that the Minnesota State Horticultural Society offers our club members an "Affiliated" membership. And it's a really good deal!

Affiliates are the Horticultural Society's core membership group of garden club members and master gardeners. We share the same mission of growing our community of northern gardeners by sharing zones 3, 4 and 5-specific plant info, garden inspiration and bounty. Affiliated members receive a deeply discounted membership rate of \$37 (compared to \$62 Society level and \$34 magazine subscription only). For just \$3 more than the magazine subscription alone, Affiliated members receive:

- A full year (6 issues) of Northern Gardener magazine.
- Discounts at more than [60 partner garden centers](#).
- Discounts on MSHS [classes, webinars, and events](#).
- Monthly Field Notes e-newsletter featuring gardening tips and ideas.

### New Digital-only MSHS Membership, \$20



The new Digital-only membership is designed for gardeners whose mobile phone is their primary source of info, ideas and entertainment. Unlock exclusive access to the quarterly Digital-zine, full of curated content for northern gardeners on the go. Additional benefits include garden center discounts, as well as discounts on classes, webinars and events, a digital version of the annual guide for new northern gardeners and the Field Notes e-newsletter.

Join by November 15 to receive the January/February 2022 issue of the Northern Gardener magazine.

Also, a Gift Society Membership would be a great idea for family and friends. (Shop Gift Memberships by November 25 for \$5 off.)

Find details on membership options and gift memberships on the [MSHS website](#).

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## Membership Corner

### Kathy Lenarz, Chair

It is time to renew your membership in The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis (except for those who joined in 2021. Since club activities were limited by COVID, new members will not be asked to pay renewal dues.)

#### [Renew online at our website](#)

Complete the renewal form. Then pay online with Square or mail in your check. We will also have renewal forms available at the November meeting. Send your questions to [Kathy Lenarz](#).

### Welcome New Members

I have two new members to introduce this month:

#### CARIN PETERSON

Carin joined in April. She's not sure when she started "digging in the dirt," but she has always loved it. She thinks it is inherited from her grandmother, a North Dakota farm woman. Carin has tried lots of plantings over the years, and says she has gone from a single-stemmed broccoli to now being able to see and enjoy the fruits of her labors. She enjoys sharing her gardening interest too. She has planted pollinator gardens on University and Broadway in Northeast through a Community Landscape Partnership Program, and plantings on the grounds of a local elementary school. She is sure that her North Dakota grandma is smiling down on her. I think so too.

#### SUSAN FRISKE PFAFF

You may have seen Susan's name before. She and her husband Jack are in the process of selling their home not far from Lake Bde Maka Ska. Since this autumn was probably their last opportunity to share their garden, they hand-addressed



invitations to all members in the club directory to stop by over two days in September. Their backyard is steeply sloped and highlighted by a meandering 60-foot water feature that falls gently and looks entirely natural. The shaded area is planted in mostly hostas and astilbes.

Susan and her husband plan to begin spending most of the year in their condo in Naples, Florida. However, they will be returning to Minnesota the summer, so Susan is hoping to keep in gardener mode by helping out with some MWGCM projects.

## Board Meeting Highlights Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

[Read the complete minutes from the October 5 board meeting.](#)

## Treasurer's Snapshot Bill Clark, Treasurer

### As of October 21, 2021

U.S. Bank Balance:	\$ 43,176.85
Royal Credit Deane Fund:	\$ 71,315.56
Total Club Funds:	\$114,492.41

## 2021 Meetings & Events

### November 9

Ask the Experts  
MWGCM Member Panel  
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

### May 10

2022 Plant Sale  
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

### December 14

Annual Holiday Party  
Embassy Suites

# 2021 Club Officers & Directors

## Club Officers

### **President**

Linda Wilkins  
Richfield

### **Vice President**

David Voss  
Arden Hills

### **Membership Secretary**

Kathy Lenarz  
Richfield

### **Recording Secretary**

Sue Clark  
Minnetonka

### **Treasurer**

Bill Clark  
Minnetonka

### **Past President**

Anne Spenningsby  
Minneapolis

## Directors

Mary Barsness  
Prior Lake

Suzanne Holt  
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Linda Thompson  
Minneapolis

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